



Town of Wyoming
Council Meeting Minutes
Wyoming Town Annex
August 13, 2012
7:30 P.M.

REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Rife called the Meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Mayor Rife

MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR OUR TROOPS – Mayor Rife

Council attending: Mayor Dale Rife, Vice Mayor Terry Witt, Secretary Jacqueline Stokes, Treasurer Georgette Williams, Councilwoman Tracy Greenwood

Council absent: None

Staff attending: Town Clerk Pamela Haddick, Police Chief Martin Willey

Audience attending: Glynis Moore, Richard & Joyce Stockslager, Elaine Bilow, Fred Jester, Rick Eachus, Isaac Hicks, Lawaun Parham, Mike Quinn, Lisa Fulcher, Mike Marasco

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

- Ms. Williams suggested removing the Storage Building – Park under XV A until a later time when it is possible to discuss it again.
- Mayor Rife stated that we should also remove XI D from the agenda for the time being. We understand that the property is possibly in negotiation for sale and if this goes through, we are sure the new owner will take care of the problem with the porch. We will reconsider this property again in September.

Ms. Williams made a motion to accept the agenda as corrected. Mr. Witt seconded the motion. All in favor; none opposed.

ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

- There appears to be a possible error on times in the July 2 minutes therefore we will table those minutes until September so that the times can be checked out and corrected. *Ms. Stokes made a motion to table the July 2 Council Meeting Minutes until the September meeting. Ms. Williams seconded the motion. All in favor; none opposed.*

- *Mr. Witt made a motion to approve the minutes for July 2, 2012 Executive Session and the July 11, 2012 Workshop Minutes. Ms. Stokes seconded the motion. All in favor; none opposed.*

TREASURER'S REPORT

- Ms. Williams presented the Treasurer's Account Balance Report and explained that we would be discussing each part of the report separately in the future. Mr. Witt questioned the Transfer Tax balance. Ms. Williams explained that it is a total of last year's carry over plus the revenue from July. She reminded Mr. Witt that the new police cars were paid out of the Transfer Tax funds carried over from last year.
- Ms. Williams presented the Budget Update Report. There were no questions.
- Ms. Williams presented the Check Register for July. There were no questions.

Mr. Witt made a motion seconded by Ms. Stokes to accept all three parts of the Treasurer's Report. All in favor; none opposed.

POLICE REPORT – Chief Martin Willey

- Chief Willey gave the police report for July. The written report is part of the council packet.
- Mr. Witt questioned the hours of SEU that are being accrued each month and the number of tickets that are being issued during SEU hours vs. regular hours. Chief Willey explained that regular hours are spent mostly on complaints and completing reports.

FIRE COMPANY REPORT

- Mr. Fred Jester was present to give the report. During the month of July the EMT crews responded to 225 medical calls; fire & rescue responded to 50 alarms; medical assist to ambulance was 5; on-the-road time for apparatus was 24 hours; average number of volunteers per alarm was 13; average of 9 calls per day. There were 10 motor vehicle collisions, 12 reported building fires (includes automatic alarms), 1 assist to Marydel and 22 miscellaneous calls. The fire company was plagued by several woods and brush fires during the month with some requiring help from neighboring companies.
- Bingo still every Tuesday night at 7:00; doors open at 5:30.

PLANNING & ZONING

- Rick Eachus was present and reported that they did not have a quorum for the July meeting so no meeting was held.

BUILDING INSPECTOR REPORT/ CODE VIOLATION REPORT

- Mr. Snyder was present to give a building permit report; however, written Bldg. Insp. Report is in the packets. There will be another settlement in the Greens at Wyoming by the end of the week.
- Ms. Glynis Moore was present to represent the owners of 6 & 6L Old North Road. She stated that the owners will be correcting all the code violations that we had cited in the letter that was sent to them. She stated that she believes the violations can be taken care of within 30 days. Council will revisit this property at the September 10th meeting. *Mr. Witt made a motion seconded by Ms. Stokes to give the property owners 30 days to abate the violations. All in favor; none opposed.*
- Mr. Isaac Hicks was present as he had requested a public hearing to discuss the removal of the inoperable, non-registered vehicles in his yard at 38 S. Caesar Rodney Avenue. He stated that due to bad health and his age, it will take him a little longer to get rid of the

cars. Unfortunately this has been an on-going problem at his property; however, at Mr. Snyder's suggestion, council voted to give Mr. Hicks another 60 days to have the cars removed before we have them towed. *Ms. Stokes made the motion, seconded by Mr. Witt to give Mr. Hicks the additional 60 days. All in favor; none opposed.*

- The property at 46 S. Mechanic Street was discussed. The proper letters have now been sent to the bank who is the listed owner of this property. Once the 30 days is up on the most recent letter (the end of August) we will be able to have someone go in to clean up this property. Mr. Snyder said he would like us to do one more letter addressed to Mr. Walters (the tenant) that he can deliver to him the day before we send someone in to start the clean-up. *Ms. Williams made the motion to have the contractor come in to clean up the property at 46 S. Mechanic Street as soon as the 30 days from the date of the last letter to the property owners is up. Mr. Witt seconded the motion. All in favor; none opposed.*
- The property at 48 S. Mechanic Street was discussed. It appears that the property owner has started cleaning up the property himself. All the vines have been removed from the house and the vehicles have all been removed. We will send the owner one more letter telling him he will have until the September 10th council meeting to complete the clean-up or we will immediately have a contractor come in to finish the job. *Mr. Witt made the motion that we would give the owner of 48 S. Mechanic Street until the September 10th council meeting to complete the clean-up of his property or the Town will immediately hire someone to complete the work. All in favor; none opposed.*

C/W SEWER & WATER REPORT

- Mike Quinn was present to report that CWSWA had held a budget workshop in July. There will be no rate increases. The new budget will be voted on in September.
- The only discussion relating to Wyoming was that the Isaacs Branch flood plain will be rehabilitated.

PARK/STREET REPORT

- Mr. Witt reported that we have really had heavy use of the park pavilion this summer. It is currently booked solid on the weekends until the end of September. He feels it is a shame that we cannot charge (especially people from out of town) for the reservation of the pavilion. We are going to look into how the pavilion itself was paid for. We know we cannot charge for the use of the park itself, but maybe we can charge for the pavilion. Pam will contact Barrett to see if he can research this for us and it will be revisited in September. Maybe we could have a small fee for town residents and a higher fee for out of town people.
- Mr. Witt also spoke about our new part-time maintenance man. He has been working on various projects throughout town.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Peach Festival – Ms. Stokes reported on the peach festival – it seemed to be well attended with no major problems.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Ordinance Amendment – Noise – discussion ensued involving adding times to the ordinance. We haven't had any real issues so far with this. The Chief stated that he would use his own judgment if someone was having a party and it got too loud or was running too late. *Mr. Witt made a motion to leave the Noise Ordinance as it is unless we start having problems and need to re-address it later. Ms. Williams seconded the motion. All in favor; none opposed.*

NEW BUSINESS

- A request has come to council to have a POD placed temporarily on a property on Southern Boulevard that is next to the electric substation. The POD would be there for no more than 90 days, probably less. After much discussion council stated that any future requests of this nature must come to council first. Each situation would be considered separately. The POD requested for Southern Boulevard will be checked on at the December Council Meeting. *Ms. Williams made a motion to allow the POD to be placed temporarily for no longer than 90 days on the Southern Boulevard property. Mr. Witt seconded the motion. Ms. Williams, aye. Mr. Witt, aye. Ms. Stokes, not voting. Ms. Greenwood, nay. Mayor Rife turned her seat over to Mr. Witt and voted aye, then took her seat back. Three voted in favor; one against; and one not voting. Motion passed.*

CORRESPONDENCE

- All correspondence is on file at Town Hall if anyone is interested in seeing it.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- A. Town Council Meeting – 9/10/12, 7:30 pm, Annex
- B. Planning & Zoning – 8/14/12, 7:30 pm, Annex
- C. CWSWA – 8/14/12, 7:00 pm, CWSWA office
- D. Peach Festival Committee – 8/21/12, 7:30 pm, Annex

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Lawaun Parham questioned what happens when someone has a building permit but never does the work that was planned on the permit. We notify the resident when the permit expires and let them know if they plan to do the work, they will need to open a new permit. There is a property in The Greens at Wyoming on Downey Oak Circle that has a fence that was not properly installed and without a permit. The homeowners had opened a permit to replace the fence properly but never did the work. It is now expired. We will send them a letter telling them they must remove the current fence and if they want a fence, they must get a new permit. This will also be added to the September agenda.
- Lisa Fulcher asked to have it on record that she does not agree with allowing the POD on Southern Boulevard.
- Mr. Witt asked Mr. Mike Marasco when he expected to get the bird bath and dedication stone installed at the Wyoming sign on the corner of Caesar Rodney and Camden Wyoming Avenues. He plans to have them in within a week or so. We will be scheduling a dedication ceremony once this is done.

Ms. Williams made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Witt seconded the motion. All in favor; none opposed.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Pamela Haddick, CMC, Town Clerk